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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 6742

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SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD ANGOLA

REF: A. LUANDA 0610

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1. WE HAVE STUDIED WITH INTEREST LUANDA'S THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE AND ARE INCLINED TO SEE CONTINUED MERIT IN STICKING TO A HANDS-OFF POLICY. EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY AT THIS STAGE THE GROUPS MOST LIKELY TO EMERGE ON TOP IN ANGOLA, IT IS FAR FROM CERTAIN THAT INITIATING DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH THEM NOW WOULD MARKEDLY AFFECT THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. INTERESTS ONCE IN POWER. SINCE IT IS PROBABLY NOT POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY THE WINNERS YET, WE WOULD NECESSARILY INITIATE DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH MANY GROUPS DESTINED TO LOSE OUT, TO SOME EXTENT WEAKENING OUR POSITION. BY SITTING TIGHT WE RUN LESS RISK OF BECOMING EMBROILED IN THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE

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THAT LIES AHEAD, AND WE INCREASE THE SIGNIFICANCE THAT

OUR EVENTUAL RECOGNITION WILL HAVE FOR THE EMERGENT
SUCCESSOR REGIME.

2. MAINTAINING A HANDS-OFF POLICY NOT OF COURSE
EXCLUDE CONTACTS WITH LIBERATION GROUPS (PER REF B).
HOWEVER , IN VIEW OF OBVIOUS DANGER OF AROUSING EXPECTATIONS
OF POLITICAL OR MATERIAL SUPPORT, IT APPEARS TO US THAT
INITIATIVE FOR SUCH CONTACTS SHOULD BY AND LARGE COME
FROM LIBERATION GROUPS THEMSELVES. NEWLIN

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